

**GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN'S JUSTICE
CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL
MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, March 9, 2007, 11 am

**DHS-Grand Tower, 235 S. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI
Conference Room 3B**

Members Present: Gloria Gillespie, Judy Labovitz, Ted Melinat, JoAnn Monaghan, Tracey Yokich, DHS: Colleen Duhm. Members Not Present: Christine McPherson, Pat Sorenson, Alice Thompson, Pat Wagner, DHS: Mary Mehren

1. Permanency for Foster Children

- Survey Questions for Judges
Judge Yokich was unable to complete draft questions. She will email them to Colleen to be emailed to the panel as soon as possible.
- Review Draft Letter for Justice Corrigan
Letter was reviewed. A few typos were corrected. The letter was mailed to Justice Corrigan on 3/12/07.

2. CRP Annual Report

- Review of Draft 2006 Annual Report
The draft annual report was reviewed. A few changes were made. Colleen emailed the second draft to the panel on 3/12/07 for comments.

3. Mandated Reporter Project

- Who Are Mandated Reporters? Penalties for Not Reporting.
The panel reviewed the Child Protection Law and who the mandated reporters are and the penalties for not reporting. Discussed the possibility of recommending a law change to have a graduated penalty system.
- Draft Goals and Objectives on this Issue from Strategic Planning
Reviewed the draft goals and objectives on mandated reporting from the strategic planning session in January 2007. The panel agreed with most of the goals and objectives and to use this as tentative guide for this project.
- Review Draft Letter to Professional Associations
Draft letter was reviewed. A second draft was emailed to the committee on 3/12/07 for comments. Judge Yokich will assist Colleen in getting mailing list for the professional associations in which mandated reporters belong.
- DHS Mandated Reporter Guide

Reviewed DHS' Mandated Reporter Guide. The committee likes the guide but thinks all the information contained is not needed for this project.

- **Other**

Discussed other groups that are providing materials to mandated reporters. MSU's Chance at Childhood Program is working on different guides for mandated reporters. It is unknown if they are doing any training or how they are disseminating the information. Colleen will contact MSU to get more information on this project. Pat Wagner indicated that some of the Child Abuse Councils are working on training mandated reporters on their obligation to report. Colleen will check with the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) to find out more information. Colleen contacted CTF on 3/12/07. She was able to obtain mailing labels for all the Child Abuse Councils. They will be included in the mailing for the survey

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

None

6. Next meeting

June 29, 2007 at 10:30 am, Boulevard Inn, St. Joseph, MI

Minutes Prepared by C. Duhm
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